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Docket No.: C13929/122995

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Catia BASTIOLI *et al.*)
Serial No.: 09/786,189) Examiner: K. Umakant Rajguru
Filed: June 6, 2001) Art Unit: 1711
For: **BIODEGRADABLE COMPOSITIONS**)
COMPRISING STARCH AND)
POLYSACCHARIDE ESTERS)

New York, New York
August 11, 2003

**NOTICE OF APPEAL FROM THE PRIMARY EXAMINER
TO THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES**

Commissioner for Patent
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

The Applicants hereby appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the May 9, 2003 decision of the Primary Examiner finally rejecting claims 1-15 and 17. The Office Action set a three-month shortened statutory period for response. Accordingly, this Notice of Appeal is filed timely upon mailing, with an executed certificate of mailing, on or before August 11, 2003, because August 9, 2003 was a Saturday. 37 CFR §§ 1.7 and 1.8.

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